

Geri Grieb honored by OSU

Geri Grieb, Lexington, was among outstanding cooperators, volunteers and organizations who were honored for their contributions by the OSU Extension Association in Corvallis.

Grieb, John Christie, Astoria; Jack and Dorothy Conley, Monmouth; Sara Leiman, Monroe; Sheila Kester, Portland; and the Polk County Fair Board, headed by Gary Whitaker received cooperator of the year awards.

Grieb first became involved with Extension as a 4-H leader, a role she filled for seven years. She was president of the Morrow County 4-H Leaders Association and testified at the

Oregon Legislative session in 1991 about the benefits of Extension's youth education program.

Grieb serves on the county's Extension advisory committee and completed the Family Community Leadership program training. Most recently she served as treasurer of the Friends of 4-H and Extension in the campaign to establish an Extension service district in the county.

In addition to her volunteer work with Extension, Grieb is actively involved in the family's farming and ranching business and is vice president of the Morrow County Wheat Growers League.

Adventist church plans carolling

The Seventh Day Adventist church plans to go carolling in the Heppner area Friday, Dec. 16, from 6 to 7 p.m.

An invitation is extended to all members of other churches to join them. Carollers will

leave the church at 6 and returning by 7 for refreshments. Those who plan to attend should dress warmly. Song sheets will be furnished. "Come join the fun," said a church spokesperson

IUCC plan Christmas service

"The Twelve Gifts of Christmas" a program of readings and music will be presented by the children and youth of Ione United Church of Christ on Sunday, December 18 at 5 p.m. A potluck dinner and caroling will follow the

program. Those attending should bring a flashlight for caroling.

Candlelit Christmas Eve services will be held at 10:30 p.m. December 24. Worship on Christmas day will be at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

All Saints celebrate Christmas

Everyone is invited to share in a Christmas Eve celebration of the birth of Christ at All Saints Episcopal Church on Saturday, December 24. A festival communion service with singing of Christmas carols will begin at 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist will begin at 7:30

p.m. "The church will be full of greens and trees, candles and music, the young and the not so young," said Father Al Miller. Fr. Miller will preach the sermon for both the children and the adults. "All Saints" wishes you a blessed and joyful Christmas.

Lutherans plan musical drama

Hope and Valby Lutheran churches will hold their Christmas programs this week.

A musical drama "Twinkle and the All Star Angel Band" will be presented from the children in the Friday school on Friday evening Dec. 16 at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner. The program will be repeated Sunday morning Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. A potluck will follow the Christmas program.

The Christmas program at

Valby Lutheran Church located outside of Ione is entitled, "The Birthdays of the King". The program will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18.

People attending either program are reminded to bring a wrapped toy gift for the Neighborhood Center's Christmas baskets.

Visitors and friends are welcome to attend these congregational festivities.

Puppet musical at First Christian

First Christian Church will present Dan Barker's "Mary Had A Little Lamb" on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 and 17 beginning at 7 p.m. at the church.

This year's Christmas Program will be a puppet musical featuring "muppet-type" puppets designed and created by pastor Roger Scharen's mother-in-law, 10 years ago while at a former pastorate in Portland.

Videotapes of the presentation were made and then broadcast on cable stations throughout the Portland area.

"Come to First Christian Church Friday or Saturday and see our children present the Christmas story from the animals' point of view in this unique and captivating medium of puppetry," said a church spokesperson.

Lutherans plan Advent services

Valby and Hope Lutheran Church will observe the last of the mid-week Advent services on Wednesday and Thursday evening Dec. 14 & 15 respectively at 7 p.m.

Micah will speak about the coming birth of a Messiah from a little town called Bethlehem. He is the third prophet to speak on the theme, "And the Prophets Fortold". A church council meeting and a tree

decorating party will follow the service at Valby. At Hope a soup and sandwich supper will begin at 6 p.m.

The adult class on Sunday will continue its study of the Gospel of St. Luke. The class begins at 8:15 a.m. A service of Holy Communion will begin at 9 a.m. Pastor Stan Hoobing will give a message entitled, "A Tale of Two Cities" based on reading of Micah 5:2-4.

St. Patrick's Christmas program

Members of St. Patrick's Altar Society will have a potluck lunch on Sunday, Dec. 18 at noon.

Following the lunch, the children of the parish will present a Christmas program. This program is a mystery play entitled "Bethlehem". The theme is "Peace on Earth to Men of Goodwill."

The cast will include Sarah Eckman, Brian Haguewood, Paula SpicerKuhn, Julie Proctor, Kelsey Greenup, Cory Miller, Kristi Worden, Christy Kenny, and Marcy Miller. The first and second grade students will also participate. The drama is directed by Bill Kuhn.

Following the program there will be a visit from Santa Claus.

Frederickson Farms receives conservation farm of year award

Frederickson Farms of Boardman, was named 1994 conservation farm of the year by the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

The Fredericksons were chosen from the ranks of county conservation farmers of the year. These included Kent and Shannon Madison, Umatilla county; Russ and Patty Bingaman, Union County and Ken and Maxine Teramura, Malheur County.

The three-generation Frederickson operation includes Clarence and Virginia Frederickson's sons, Gary and Vernon; Gary's wife, Casey and their two sons, and Vernons' wife Suzanne and their son.

The major conservation problem is wind erosion, which they combat with residue management, water management, cover crops and minimum tillage. They produce alfalfa, wheat, corn, potatoes, green peas, lima beans and onions.

The Fredericksons operate two separate farms.

Frederickson Farms has leased 745 acres of cropland from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since 1969. Portview Ran-

ches, a partnership with Vernon and Gary, has leased 1600 acres from the Port of Morrow since 1985.

The Frederickson brothers grew up on Butter Creek and are well acquainted with the problems of farming light sandy soils.

A portion of the crops raised on the federal leased ground is left for wildlife. Five irrigated circles are in production.

Portview Farms utilizes effluent from nearby potato processing plants.

Doug Drake, Morrow County Wheat League president said the Fredericksons were chosen for the county award "for their perseverance and ingenuity in managing highly erosive soils, their ability to deal positively with environmental restrictions, their involvement with several agencies, and their success at improving soil productivity and tilth."

Suzanne Frederickson says she is especially pleased by the conservation honor because her first contact with the land was as a Youth Conservation Corps supervisor about 15 years ago, when she helped rehabilitate wildlife habitat on the acreage.

Nordic Ski club makes plans

The Arbuckle Nordic Club held its second meeting since organizing as an area cross country ski club last month. Sixteen local nordic skiing enthusiasts attended the meeting.

Oregon Nordic Club president Laurance Kerr and his wife Ava from The Dalles, were present to explain that organization's program of activities and blanket insurance coverage.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 31 at the Heppner High School library beginning at 7 p.m. This meeting will

be the first session of beginning cross country skiing classes that the club will offer to the general public through Blue Mountain Community College.

The beginning classes will cover the basics of nordic skiing including food, clothing, survival, route finding, equipment and skiing technique.

Anyone wishing to join the club or wanting more information about the cross country skiing classes is encouraged to contact club president John Edmundson 676-5177 or instructors Steve Brownfield, 676-9696 or Dave Fowler 676-9109.

Alumni tourney Dec. 30-Jan. 1

The seventh annual Heppner Alumni Basketball/Volleyball tournament will be held Dec. 30 through Jan. 1.

Men's basketball, featuring teams from the classes of 77-81 vs 92-94, will begin Friday, Dec. 30, at 4 p.m. The championship game will be held Sunday at 3:30 p.m. A Heppner area men's basketball team will compete in the tournament for the first time.

Women's basketball games will be held Friday, Dec. 30, at 5:15 p.m.-Team A vs C; Saturday, Dec. 31-Team B vs C; and Sunday, Jan. 1-Team A vs B.

Teams are as follows: A-1973 and every third class following; B-1972 and every third class; and 1971 and every third class.

The Heppner Alumni Basketball Committee cordially invites the Veterans of Vietnam who attended Heppner, Lexington and Ione High School to the dinner Friday, Dec. 30 at 8 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club.

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